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FROM : Chief, Foreign Branch, CIA Library

SUBJECT: USSR Subscription Requests for 1955 as Requested from the American Embassy in Moscow

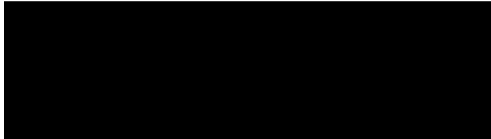
1. The Washington requirements for USSR serial publications for the calendar year 1955 were completed and forwarded to the Department of State for transmission to the American Embassy, Moscow, on the 15th of September 1955.

2. These requirements consist of 2,044 regular subscriptions and 139 titles which were submitted on the critical supplement list. The 2,044 regular subscriptions for 1955 indicate an increase of 510 subscriptions over the 1954 requirements. This increase is indicated in table-I. The bulk of this increase is primarily due to the 202 requests from IAD/SP, which did not subscribe through IAD/FP in 1954, and an increase of over 150% by the Library of Congress. WF is the only agency which shows a decrease in its subscriptions to Moscow for 1955, however negligible it may be.

3. Table-II indicates the requirements of the various offices within WF. There is an overall decrease of 12 subscriptions for WF to Moscow. The number of subscriptions for 1955 which were placed through covert channels has been indicated in table-II, in order that a clearer view of the full requirements of each office may be observed.

4. The largest increase within WF is to be seen in the requirements of ORR. The 21 subscription requests entered for ORR in 1954 represent the initial requests of that office. In March of 1954 an additional 63 requests were served on the Foreign Branch. Too late to submit to Moscow, these requirements were filled with publications which were received through insurance subscriptions, gratis copies, microfilm copies and copies returned to the Foreign Branch by original subscribers. Considering the entire requirements of ORR for 1954, there has been an overall increase of nearly 200% for the 1955 requirements of ORR.

5. With the exception of ORR, a small increase by OO and a negligible increase by Training, all other offices within WF have decreased their subscription requirements for 1955 as compared with 1954.



Enclosures:

Table - I

Table - II